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Cargo Handled at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made for cargo handled at various airports of the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the growing air cargo traffic and strengthen basic infrastructure and introduce automated system; and

(c) the estimated investment required for strengthening and expanding the basic network in order to exploit the maximum future growth opportunities in air cargo during the next five years?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): The details of the targets fixed and achievements made for cargo handled at various airports of the country are as under:

(i) International Cargo:-

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YEAR TARGET ACHIEVED
(Projected growth)
FY 2012-13 10% (Base year 2011-12) (-) 4.60%
FY 2013-14 5% (Base year 2012-13) 23.39%
FY 2014-15 5% 6.88%
FY 2015-16 5% Till 1st quarter 8.60%

(ii) Domestic Cargo:-

YEAR TARGET ACHIEVED
(Projected growth)
FY 2012-13 12% (Base year 2011-12) (-) 2.30%
FY 2013-14 5% (Base year 2012-13) 26.79%
FY 2014-15 5% 17.98%
FY 2015-16 5% Till 1st quarter 8.20%

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(b) The main steps taken are as under:

(i) For handling International Cargo at its airports, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has provided Automatic Storage & Retrieval System (AS&RS) as well as Elevated Transfer Vehicle (ETV) facilities for both import and export cargo at Chennai & Kolkata Airports.

(ii) All the International Air Cargo Terminals managed by AAI are well equipped with sufficient storage space, cargo handling equipments, cold rooms for perishable cargo and other basic facilities.

(iii) A decision has been taken to upgrade the existing Integrated IT System of Cargo to cater to all the requirements of International as well Domestic cargo operations.

(iv) A decision has been taken to commission the Common User Domestic Cargo Terminals (CUDCT) at most of Tier-II/III cities.

(c) The present cargo infrastructure at AAI managed airports can meet annual projected cargo growth up to the year 2020. In addition, a decision has been taken to expand common user facilities at 24 domestic airports and 2 international cargo airports by converting old redundant passenger buildings with minimum modifications through AAI resources .Financial assistance for creating cargo infrastructure at Srinagar has been planned through Central Government support. Airports at Ranchi and Imphal have been planned to be developed with State Government support.

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